

## Stormwater Services Rate Structure

The stormwater utility fee for single-family property owners is a tiered fee system. It is based on the size of each property's impervious area such as rooftops, walkways, patios, driveways and parking lots.

During a rain event the house on the right will send more rainwater into the storm drain system than the house on the left. This occurs because the house on the right has more impervious surface.

The City of Asheville Stormwater Services groups single-family homes into three billing tiers. Homes with the least amount of impervious surface pay the lowest stormwater fee. Homes with the largest amount of impervious surface pay the highest stormwater fee.



### Tier I

225 sq. ft. – 2,000 sq. ft.  
of impervious surface



### Tier II

2,001 sq. ft. – 4,000 sq. ft.  
of impervious surface



### Tier III

4,001 sq. ft. or more of  
impervious surface



### Why does impervious surface matter?

The more impervious surface on your property increases the amount of stormwater that runs off your property. This increases water pollution and the risk of flooding.

### Non-Single Family Rates:

Commercial, industrial, non-profit, multi-family and other non-residential property owners will pay a monthly fee of \$4.00 per equivalent residential unit (ERU) of impervious surface. An ERU is the amount of impervious surface (rooftops, walkways, patios, driveways, parking lots, etc.) on the property. It is measured in square feet on a typical, single-family property in Asheville. One ERU equals 2,442 square feet of impervious surface.

**REMEMBER: Impervious area is NOT the same as the heated square footage.**

**Impervious surface includes driveways, rooftops, garages, sheds, private sidewalks and patios (any hard surface).**